Re:

United States v. Youssef Fakih,

08 Civ 2408 (SHS)

Dear Judge Stein:

MEMO ENDORSED

The defendant in the above-referenced case filed a petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 on or about March 10, 2008. On March 18, 2008, Your Honor ordered that the Government's opposition be due by April 2, 2008, and Fakih's reply be due by April 7, 2008. This Court had previously set a surrender date for Fakih of April 8, 2008.

Although there is no merit to Fakih's 2255 Motion, the Government submits this letter to respectfully request a brief extension of time (one week) in order to prepare a complete record to the Court on the issues raised by Fakih. It is the Government's hope to avoid a hearing on these issues, but it will need a brief extension in order to address Fakih's factual claims, and specifically, his allegations related to possible plea offers.

Defense counsel, Roger Bennet Adler, Esq., has no objection to this request. The Government would likewise have no objection to an equivalent extension of Fakih's time to reply to the Government's papers.

Respectfully submitted,

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